



Summer Social Skills Groups

The Arc of Cumberland and Perry Counties is excited to once again be offering **Social Skills** learning groups for middle and high school students this summer. While some students receive help in school learning social skills, many can benefit from additional instruction and practice.

The six week session will include the following:

- Basic social interactions: eye contact, personal space, when is physical contact acceptable and in what form?
- Conversation skills: beginning and ending conversations, determining appropriate topics for conversation
- Skills to interact with others: resolving conflicts, taking turns
- Interacting with authority figures

The two groups will consist of a **middle school group for students with an Intellectual Disability** diagnosis and the other for **high school students with mild/moderate autism**. Group size is limited to 10.

Cost to attend will be minimal (\$5) thanks to the help of a Stabler Grant to defray the cost.

The groups will be led by Ms. Shari Brenizer. Shari has over 15 years' experience in special education ranging from teaching students in autism support, learning support and emotional support classrooms, grades 4-12. She has also been a Manager of Special Education and an IEP Facilitator. Shari has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work, a Masters in Human Services and Education, is certified in Special Education K-12, is certified in Middle School English and Math, has her Principal Certification and has completed Level 3 training of Adventure Based Education/Behavior Management through Adventure.

Dates and times for the sessions are as follows:

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| Wednesday | June 19 th : | Parent Meeting | 5-6pm Middle School | 6:15-7:15 High School |
| Wednesday | June 26 th : | 1 st session | 5-6pm Middle School | 6:15-7:15 High School |
| Wednesday | July 3 rd : | 2 nd session | 5-6pm Middle School | 6:15-7:15 High School |
| Wednesday | July 10 th : | 3 rd Session | 5-6pm Middle School | 6:15-7:15 High School |
| Wednesday | July 17 th : | 4 th Session | 5-6pm Middle School | 6:15-7:15 High School |
| Wednesday | July 24 th : | 5 th Session | 5-6pm Middle School | 6:15-7:15 High School |
| Wednesday | July 31 st : | 6 th Session/graduation | 5-6pm Middle School | 6:15-7:15 High School |

Students must meet the criteria for the group and payment of \$5 must be received before a confirmation is sent. Attendance at the parent meeting is mandatory. If you are interested in registering for one of the groups, please contact our Family Education Specialist, Sunny Burford at 717-249-2611 or sburford@cparc.org by May 15th. Space is limited.